

Station Agent's Daughter Carries Olympic Torch

Luana Espana, the daughter of Station Agent Ray Espana, helped make history on May 3 when she carried the Olympic Torch as part of a 12-member relay team in Napa County.

The 17-year-old honors student from Moreau Catholic High School carried the torch 5/8 of a mile as part of its journey from San Francisco to Sacramento. She was selected from entries to a Coca-Cola promotion. Coca-Cola is a corporate sponsor of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

Active in track and cross-country, Luana lettered in her freshman year at Moreau and was selected to the HAAL all-league cross-country team in 1994, 1995 and 1996. She ran on the one- and two-mile track teams this past year.

An able musician, Luana plays the clarinet and tenor saxophone with the Moreau Catholic Marching Band, jazz band and symphonic orchestra.

A junior, Luana has been on the Honors List each year and currently has a 4.2 Grade Point Average. She has won speech contests with the Hayward Veterans of Foreign Wars and Hayward Rotary Club. She received a drama award

25 Years of Service



Honored for 25 years of service to BART recently were (left to right) William Richards, Clifford Chu and Joe Oriarte. **b3**



from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She graduated from Bancroft Junior High School with a 4.0 GPA, and was recognized for her academic achievement by the San Leandro Optimist Club.

Luana is spending her summer volunteering at the prestigious Camp Wawona at Yosemite National Park, and will also be working at a wilderness Camp.

Her college plans are still open, though Luana is leaning toward attending UC Davis. Her academic interests include communications, speech writing, motivational speaking, research and the television industry.

Whether it's ESPN or the Met, nothing will surprise us for this high-achiever! Congratulations to Luana and her father, Ray. **b3**



The BART is Right! For 'Take our Sons to Work' Day

From guessing the cost of BART equipment for a trip to Great America, to seeing the "heart" of BART operations, 75 boys took advantage of the chance to learn more about the transportation department during BART's third annual "Take Our Sons to Work Day" held May 9. Several other activities involving sons were held elsewhere throughout BART.

The Transportation and System Service event began with a "one on one" interview panel for the sons of BART employees. The 25-member panel was comprised of BART men from a wide range of careers, from train operator and vehicle mechanic, to police officer and station agent, auditor, attorney and marketing. Each boy was allowed to interview the employee of his choice, then the BART employee asked the boy what he had learned and what his plans were after high school. The boys also toured the Operations Control Center to experience the "heart and soul" of the BART system.

"Buildings worker Ken Meyers thanked me for the experience," said organizer Fannie Mackson from Transportation and System Service. "He said he really enjoyed the experience."

When asked what they learned about the world of work and BART, boys had varying responses. "Communication is one of many keys to growth and success," said Donald Morrow, 13, who plans to go to college and be a professional basketball player. "Lawyers do a lot of reading and writing," noted Jeff Tomilloso, 7, who said he plans to be a lawyer. Brian Brown, 12, added, "Any job can be satisfactory as long as you make it that way."

"A Train Operator doesn't just sit and push buttons," remarked Joseph Thomas, 13. Ceyhan Sukaya, 8, noted, "Helping people is more important than money."

Once the job-specific session concluded, it was time to "Let the Games Begin." The boys gathered in the LMA Board Room to play "The BART is Right," fashioned after the popular television game show, "The Price is Right."

"The role of 'Bob Barker' was played by Paul Oversier, while our 'come on down' talent was Rudy Crespo," said Fannie. "It was a lot of fun for everyone; the kids really got into the game-show atmosphere."

Three sets of four contestants were called to "Come on Down" and guess the price of equipment used in different



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BART jobs. BART employees talked about their work experiences, discussed job-related items, then asked the boys to guess the price of these items. Train operator Eric James presented a portable radio, while Station Agent Juan Espinoza asked contestants to guess the price of magnetic strip tickets. System Service Worker Carl Oliver showed off steel-toe boots, gloves, a leather apron and a "nifty" grabber before asking a price for the collection.

The three first-round winners advanced to the Showcase Round, where they had to guess the collective price of a train operator backpack, train operator jacket, a BART t-shirt and a BART men's watch. The Grand Prize winner would win the Showcase, and receive two roundtrip tickets to ride BART to the Fremont Station, along with two tickets to Great America. All participants received a souvenir to mark the occasion, a BART wrist wallet.

To everyone's surprise, the Grand Prize went to a girl!! Krystal Braese, 13, the daughter of Operations Supervisor Fred Braese, visited the event because the recent "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," did not include the game.

"She wanted to take advantage of the learning opportunity, and to play the game," said Fannie. "Since the game was designed to be educational and fun, we didn't turn her away."

In a related activity, Jake Yelner, 12, the son of Jolie Vega in Training and Development, had a chance to mentor with Operations Control Center Supervisor John McPherson. "Jake told his teacher the day before that he was going to work at BART," his mother recalled. "He got up and put on slacks and a jacket, telling me he had to look professional."

Jake spent most of the day in the Operations Control Center, observing train controllers, Power and Way operations and dispatchers directing mainline technicians. "He told me he wanted to be in Central, because that's where the action is," Jolie said. "He came away from it saying 'what a fabulous system.'" Added the proud mother, "From his school work, Jake understands how important communication and computers skills are, but he got to see it in action in a 'real world' setting. It was very eye-opening." **b**

First Scholarships Awarded by BBPA



Participants of the first BART Black Police Association Academic Scholarships were (left to right) Officer Glenn Huff, Sgt. Thomas Weeks, Sgt. Travis Gibson, Officer Donald Walker, Officer Tyrone Forte, Detective Marlon Dixon, Detective Keith Smith, Sgt. Brenda Marshall, Officer Sheldon Forehand and Officer Timothy Parker.



Recipients who recently received the first BART Black Police Association academic scholarships were (left to right) Joe Black, Tunisia Owens, Mariko Black, Miriam Lubwawa and Kimberly Chandler.

Helping to give young adults a hand, the BART Black Police Association on May 31 presented its first academic scholarships to a selection of students from the greater BART community.

"We've seen kids go through life; we know how hard it can be," said BART Police Officer Glenn Huff of the BBPA. "We felt it was time to give back to the community that we serve; we chose to do it by helping our young people."

Five students from high schools in Oakland, San Francisco and Union City each received a \$1,000.00 scholarship in ceremonies held Friday afternoon, May 31 in the Metro Auditorium. The awards were based on academic achievement, financial need and a written essay, said Glenn.

Scholarship winners include:

- o **Mariko Blake**, Wallenberg Academy, San Francisco. Mariko will attend UC Berkeley in pre-med and psychology.
- o **Tunisia Owens**, Fremont High School, Oakland. Tunisia will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- o **Joe Black**, Oakland High School, Oakland. Joe will attend UC Davis in aeronautics.
- o **Miriam Lubwama**, Logan High School, Union City. Graduating with a 4.5 GPA and listed in the "Who's Who of High School Students," Miriam will attend UCLA.
- o **Kimberly Chandler**, Skyline High School, Oakland. Kimberly will attend Clark University in Atlanta, Ga.

The event was attended by BART Chief of Police Harold Taylor, BART Board Vice President Margaret K. Pryor and BART Director Wilfred T. Ussery, while the keynote address was delivered by Curtis Watson, undersheriff for Alameda County.

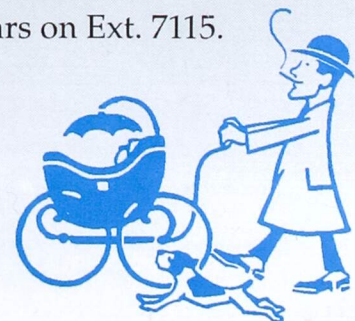
"Children making the step from high school to young adulthood have perils to face," noted Glenn. "These students have set an example, which we are proud to support."

Funds for the scholarship program were raised through donations and proceeds from two dances.

For further information on the BBPA Scholarship Program, contact Tyrone Forte or Glenn Huff at 510/287-5772. **b**

NEW ARRIVALS?

Have there been any new arrivals lately in your family? If so, we'd like to know and share the news with our BARTalk readers. Call us with the particulars on Ext. 7115.



High School Students Learn About BART

In a first-time activity, BART's maintenance divisions hosted a Vocational Day on May 22 for students from John Swett High School in Crockett. About 25 students were treated to a series of shop tours and demonstrations designed to introduce them to the world of maintenance at BART.

Vocational Day is part of the Department of Maintenance and Engineering's community outreach program for high schools. The field trip is customized to focus on vocational areas identified by the students. BART employees from Maintenance and Engineering participate in the program on a voluntary basis.

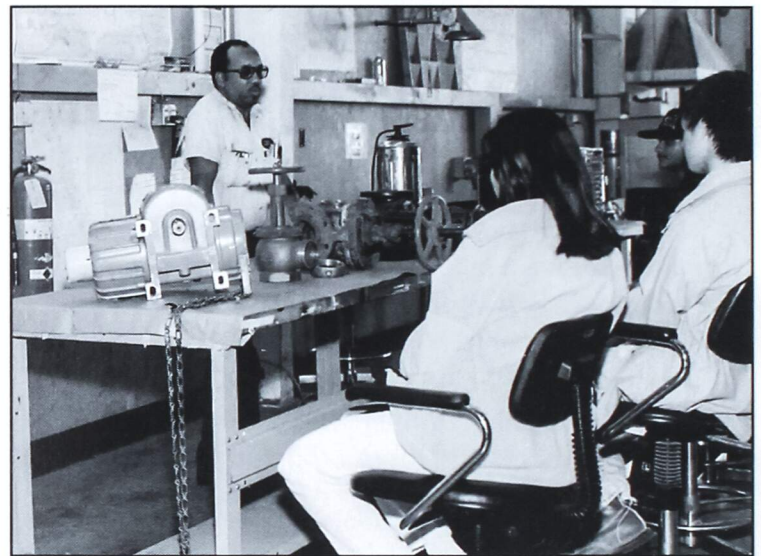
Students were welcomed by Chief Engineer Jim Dunn and Christopher Taylor of Non-Revenue Vehicle Maintenance at the Oakland Shop lunch room, then divided into six groups by interest. Groups visited the Oakland Shops and Annex to view demonstrations in facilities, non-revenue vehicle, track and structures, and power and mechanical. Others visited the Lake Merritt Administration Building to view automatic fare collection and systems maintenance.

Craig Lile, Dan Riordan and Bob Mina of Facilities Maintenance helped to monitor students as they visited various areas of BART. The division made a tour available to view modern computerized irrigation controls.



Kelvin Verritt demonstrated Automatic Fare Collection equipment at the Lake Merritt Station, including fare gates and ticket vending machines. Students also had a chance to run the AFC equipment and run tickets through the machine.

Among demonstrations in Power and Mechanical Maintenance, students watched electricians service a 1,000-volt direct current third rail circuit breaker and test a 34.5kv breaker mechanism. They also viewed a high voltage faulted cable evaluation. BART electrician Lenny Vanwestrop demonstrated breakers operations, while



Wayne Dolan, electrical foreworker, demonstrated several of the mechanisms. J.R. Smith, mechanic, demonstrated the mechanical apparatus, and Robert Quon, elevator/escalator foreworker, demonstrated elevator and escalator operations. Students got a chance to "chill out" as the air conditioning system charged up, and also watched a film on servicing elevators and escalators.

Ronald Servin of non-revenue vehicle maintenance, and Christopher Taylor took students through the entire Oakland Shop, including machine, welding fabrication, the rail grinder and the tools/parts room. In Track & Structures, Tom Delaney of track maintenance used a track geometry vehicle to demonstrate how workers check and measure track. He also demonstrated the power flat car. Students were introduced to the "VacCon" by Ed Pace in structures maintenance, who also demonstrated vacuum pick-ups and cleaning.

Finally, Mike Lighty and Herbert Lim led students through the Central Computer Room and Operations Control Center to show off Systems Maintenance. Herbert



Employees from Maintenance and Engineering who participated in the program were (left to right) Brent Baldwin, Christopher Taylor, Mae Meidav, Ron Servin, Joe Torrisi, Craig Lile, Mike Lighty, Dan Riordan, Richard Rounke, Ruben Alcala and Ken Meiring. (Not pictured were Morris Martin and Jim Dunn).

discussed maintaining computer systems, how trains are controlled from wayside equipment and the elements of communications.

After all the students completed their tours, Jim Dunn and Craig Lile hosted a session on vocational opportunities at BART. Brent Baldwin answered students' questions about maintenance and engineering, and received feedback from the young adults.

"I found it was worthwhile," said Mike Lighty. "It was a good way to get the word out about BART jobs, and an opportunity for students to talk directly to the people who do the work."

"Most people never see the inner workings of BART," said Ron Servin. "This was a real treat for these young adults."



The school's vocational counselor Wayne Seeberg said he was grateful for the opportunity to expose BART to the students, said coordinator Mae Meidav. "He said he usually has to scramble to find companies willing to host students in this fashion, and was glad that BART was able to do so."

Besides the learning experience for the students, an additional benefit, noted Mae, was the opportunity afforded employees to present their knowledge and skills in a way that formalized their pride in workmanship.

"Those who participated were guided by an idealistic principle to help students understand how important it is to finish school," she added, "and to point out their options for vocational training and college."

The department plans activities this fall and next spring to continue outreach to local high schools. **b**



New Hire Orientation Scheduled This Summer

Newly hired employees may attend an orientation session scheduled in July, August or September. The sessions are held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Oakland Training Center, 25 Fourth Street, Oakland. Employees may select from orientations scheduled for July 29-30, August 6-7 or September 25-26.

Topics covered during the two-day orientation include BART history and values; general rules; discrimination policy; system safety, including emergency and earthquake preparedness; back safety; working with computers; workplace violence and BART's needlestick program; substance abuse and employee

counseling; worker's compensation; benefits and incentive awards; customer service; the Extensions Program; a tour of Central Operations and the Lake Merritt Station, and a Union presentation.

Supervisors may register employees by E-Mail or by contacting Yolanda Vega, Training and Development via fax (464-6386) with the following information: employee name, department and cost center, job classification or title; supervisor's name, location and telephone number. All employees should bring their OR&P manual on the first day of class.

For more information, please call 464-6293. **b**

BART'S 'We Mean Clean' Team Tackles Mosswood Park

Result is an inviting community park

For the second year, a team of BART employees got together to clean up one of Oakland's community parks as a part of the city's annual "We Mean Clean" program.

Headed up by Roy Baxter of Facilities Maintenance, a crew of 23 BART employees descended upon Mosswood Park at Broadway and MacArthur Boulevard to steam-clean, paint, repair, wash and weed the area to make the park inviting to local residents and businesses.



Aided by BART vendor WEBCO Sweeping of Morgan Hill, the entrance and amphitheater areas were steam-cleaned with industrial equipment and crews donated by the contractor. "It was grimy when we started," said Roy. "It was near-new when we finished."


The play area also got a facelift with six dump trucks' worth of new Fenton sand. Assistant General Manager Jim Gallagher helped to spread the sand, said Roy. "Now the kids have a great place to play," Roy noted.

The gazebo got painted by one crew as others raked, weeded and performed other gardening tasks to make the park

beautiful. Playground equipment, a jogging and exercise trail, and a trellis all were refurbished by BART employees.

"People had been afraid to walk through the park," Roy said. "One elderly lady walked up to me and thanked us for what we were doing. A city gardener thanked us for returning the park to health; this was the help he needed."

At the end of the day, a tired but happy crew had left behind a gift for visitors to Mosswood Park. Congratulations to everyone who helped: Roy Baxter; Basil Boyer; Tony Buitrago; Bobby G. Burroughs; Rudy Crespo; Dave DeFrates; Nicole Edwards; and Faye Elmore.

Kudo's also to Bob Fail; James T. Gallagher; Paul Gravelle; George Hodgerney; Honorato Lumosnero; Marty Martinez; Randy Mills; Leila Moriniere; Ed Neves; Mike O'Connor; Phillip Petagara; Bob St. Clair; Fred Valoivia; Linda Vasquez and Berta Villalva. 



Pictured above are a few of the volunteers who were tired, but could still hold up the sign. Left to right, Leila Moriniere, Faye Elmore, Roy Baxter, Linda Vasquez, Berta Villalva and Nicole Edwards.

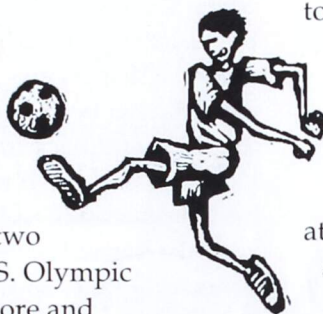


Colin McDonald is Soccer 'Coach of the Year'

Engineering Group Manager Colin McDonald has been named Coach of the Year by the California Youth Soccer Association for his work coaching soccer players under age 14 in the Olympic Development Program. This is the association's inaugural award to recognize coaches in the olympic program.

Colin spends six months each year as a volunteer coach, searching for the best players throughout California. The boys, who are recruited from club and recreational teams, train under Colin and prepare to compete in the western regional tournament, being held this summer in Bozeman, Montana.

"This is the next generation of Olympic athletes," explains Colin. "Six to eight years from now, some of the players will be established on the U.S. national team and eventually compete in the Olympics." This year, two of Colin's former players are on the U.S. Olympic soccer team, Casey Keller from Livermore and Guillermo Jara from Sacramento.



Colin has played amateur soccer for 35 years in his native England, as well as Canada and the United States. He has an "A" coaching license from the United States Soccer Association.



Colin has volunteered with the Olympic Development Program for 19 years. For two years before he joined ODP, he coached recreational teams. "I do it because I like to work with kids, and I love soccer," says the 20-year BART veteran.

Many players who studied under Colin have gone on to national prominence. This year, two of his players were selected for the national pool. In the last two years, four of Colin's players advanced to the national pool.

Despite his love for soccer and commitment to the Olympic Development Program, you won't find Colin at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He'll watch the action unfold from his television. "It's too hot," he says.

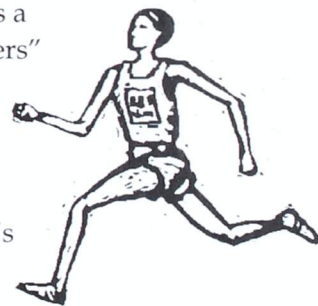
Colin lives in Newark with his wife, Barbara, and their children Tara, Karma, Laura and Colin. **b3**

Al Scala Comes in 830th in 'Bay To Breakers'

BART was ably represented in this year's Bay to Breakers race held May 17 in San Francisco by Al Scala, Department Manager in Rail Vehicles. Of course, Al rode BART into the Embarcadero Station, along with many fellow runners in character costumes. "It was just a thrill," Al reports. He started the race with Ramiro Salazar of Legal, who paced him most of the way, but then Al took off and never saw Ramiro again.

Al had a good time with 76,000 of his friends, strolling

up Hayes Street Hill and boogying through Golden Gate Park. His finish? No. 830. That's a sprint, compared to the "stragglers" who came in well behind him. Oh, yeah. We understand Ward Belding was somewhere in the pack. Polish up your Adidas and join Al for next year's craziest foot race! **b3**



Congratulations to recent graduates of the BART Police community service assistant program. Gathering at their graduation ceremony are (*front row, left to right*) Christina Young, Kim Murphy, Keecha Williams, and Tracee Evans; along with (*middle row, left to right*) Ryan Sanchez, Harish Lall, Karen Deforce and Rory Conneely; and (*back row, left to right*) Manual Rojas, Daniel Chui, Evelyn Piche, Gilbert Jaimes and Patrick Millet. **b3**



"Will You Be My Honey?" Just Ask Mike Faircloth

What's a little bee sting between friends?

"I make it a point to go out and get stung at least once a month," declares Mike Faircloth, a BART labor negotiator and apiarist (beekeeper) in his spare time.

In the heart of his Sonoma Valley hometown of El Verano, Mike is well known locally for his award-winning honey (he has won Best of Show at the county fair). As a past president of the Sonoma County Beekeepers Association, he is a dedicated advocate for promoting the qualities of bee care and bee stings.

Bee stings are known as an aid in treating multiple sclerosis, arthritis and other ailments. Though Mike doesn't mind the "tingle of little feet" he is definitely in the minority among local beemen. Fellow apiarists Kent McRee and Norm Gordon say they try to avoid the downside of the kindred bees.

Mike harvests honey at his home from 32 beehives and visits neighbors to remove unwanted beehives. His uniform for "beehiving" features several layers of clothing, overalls, gloves and a beekeeper's screened hat. As insurance against the wiley bees, he carries a device known as a "smoker." It blows about a foot of smoke on nearby bees to calm them as Mike works with the beehives.

"Bees do a lot by sense of smell," says Mike. "The smoke blocks their senses so they can't smell the chemicals sent out by other bees."

Hives are built in stacked wooden boxes called supers. A screen separates one of the supers, where the Queen Bee lays her eggs from a Honey Super. Beekeepers harvest the honey from the Honey Super. The bees build a honeycomb on frames stacked inside the super.

Bees will fly about three miles from their hive, collecting nectar from wildflowers or eucalyptus trees. They store the nectar in a sack-like cavity in their bodies, where it mixes with enzymes to turn into honey. The nectar is passed from bee to bee, going through the same treatment until it is spit back onto the wax cells of the honeycomb. Honey is harvested mostly in May and September. Each hive produces 30 to 50 pounds of honey.

Mike began harvesting honey shortly after he moved to Sonoma County in 1988, and for awhile made it a full-time career. Now the hobby takes up about five to 10 hours a week.

As for the bee stings, Mike advises, "You can't let them know it bothers you. If you start running away, they'll chase you. They know." **b3**

20 Years of Service



Congratulations were extended recently for 20 years of service to BART to (front, left to right) Judith Colmenero, Gladys Maher, Maria Tellez, Dennis Kaczor, Linda Jimenez, Harvard Golden, and Charles Walker, along with (rear, left to right) Gary Hodges, Walter Tom, Dimitra Dutoff and Robert Scott. **b3**

15 Years of Service



Recognized for 15 years of service to BART recently were (front, left to right) Thomas Smith, Otto Pfaeffle, Bill Davidson, Alice Loo, Barry Lewis, Pat McGuinness, Gregory Wong, Robert Renard and Roy Baxter, along with (back, left to right) Scott Fanning, Stephen Denegri and Gregory Suzukawa. **b3**

Retiree Bill Green Discovers Family Tree

This is part of a continuing series on BART retirees.

Bill Green of Livermore retired from Transportation Department after 16 years of service to BART. Among his accomplishments, Bill wrote the first Emergency, Train Operator and Station Agent manuals. He also supervised the Concord Yard.

Today, he is an avid genealogist and has published "The Greens of New Kent and King Williams Counties," which is available in the Virginia State Library. The volume covers his own family history in the State of Virginia. Bill has uncovered many descendants of his grandfather, who left Virginia in 1879 and died in Mississippi in 1926, and has written or visited many of them.

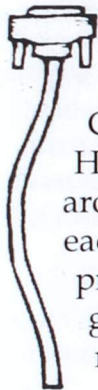
Bill and his wife, Lorrie moved from Livermore to South Lake Tahoe in 1989. While at the Lake, Bill was an

active veteran and formed VFW Post 2627 and the Lake Tahoe Detachment, Marine Corps League. He also served as adjutant to the Marine Corps League and sat on the board of the Retired Officers Association. He also formed the Lake Tahoe Genealogical Society.

The high mountain air caused some health problems, and the Greens returned to Livermore in 1995. He rejoined the Livermore Genealogical Society and continues to research his family history.

"When you retire, don't do anything unless it's fun," advises Bill. "But do something, or you'll get an early start at doing nothing for eternity."

*Have you ever wondered what happened to BART friends who have retired? Do you have a story for BARTalk? Let us hear from you. Please send any story ideas to Vicki Wills, BART Public Affairs, 800 Madison Street, Oakland, CA 94607. **b3***



For Computer Help, Call -7208

Computer users in need of assistance are reminded to call the Help Desk Hotline, which is on extension 7208. Help Desk activities are structured around the Help Call database system, which records vital information about each request, allowing Computer Support to allocate resources and track call progress. Stopping a Computer Support Coordinator in the hallway will not get you the same service as calling the Help Desk Hotline. So, please remember, requests for service must come through the hotline at extension 7208. **b3**



Education Fair Offers Choices

The Third Annual Education Fair for BART and MTC employees held May 15 drew about 200 people to the Metro Center Auditorium to meet with representatives from about 20 Bay Area technical, engineering and academic institutions.

"It was a great opportunity for BART employees to learn about courses that can help with their current job or a future promotion," said Linda Dennis-Mallory of Transportation and System Service. The event was open to employees, as well as friends and family members.

"Knowledge is power," said Linda. "We all have to keep up with technology, but education is also a chance for personal growth." Employees could inquire for themselves or their children, for informa-

tion on vocational training and academic education.

"People go back to school when they have control of their lives and are ready to take action," said Jolie Vega of Training and Development. "People at the fair knew exactly what they wanted, and approached schools representatives."

BART training programs in operations, transportation, MIS and police were represented, along with several technical schools and universities. Among those in attendance were UC Berkeley, CSU-Hayward, Golden Gate University, JFK University, Mills College, Laney College, New College of California, City College of San Francisco and Heald Business College. **b3**



Metal & Equipment Theft Curtailed at Extensions Projects

BART Police Task Force Earns Reputation as "Metal Theft Experts"

As metal and construction equipment theft rises in the greater Bay Area, such incidents have been curtailed at BART Extensions Projects thanks to the diligence of the BART Police Extensions Task Force (ETF).

Formed in April 1995, the task force quickly learned that information on thefts and suspects was haphazard. So ETF officers organized a program to coordinate information and conduct investigations designed to help out all agencies affected by an increasing trend in metal theft.

Last year, metal prices rose on the world market to a point where copper cable could bring as much as \$1.15 per pound to scrap dealers, making stealing the cable a lucrative criminal business. BART investigations led to many scrap dealers, and to recovering several hundred pounds of BART copper cable.

ETF officers also conducted site surveys and provided recommendations for preventing theft to extensions project managers. This year, theft is down at the projects and suspect arrests are up.

Among accomplishments during the first quarter of 1996:

March 27: Extensions patrol officers arrest four suspects for possessing stolen cable from the DPX extension trackway. Following an investigation by ETF officers, the District Attorney files theft charges and felony vandalism charges to encompass the entire \$78,000 worth of damage.

March 2: ETF officers arrest a suspect at the soon to open Pittsburg/Bay Point Station for possession of milled aluminum bars stolen from the station, and methamphetamine. The arrest led to the suspect's probation being revoked and a jail term of one year to 18 months.

January 23: ETF officers receive information on a known BART metal thief driving a stolen pick-up. Surveillance revealed the truck is not stolen, but the suspect was driving with a suspended license. Upon interro-

gation, the suspect provides information on a major theft and stolen property case for the Alameda County Sheriff.

ETF recently joined a Bay Area metal theft task force with other law enforcement agencies and utility companies affected by metal thieves, including Pacific Bell and PG&E. The ETF hosted a meeting for the group in June, which was attended by 20 law enforcement agencies, a deputy District Attorney from Contra Costa County, and the executive director of the Construction Industry Crime Prevention Program.

Sessions covered law enforcement and the DA's office working closer together to improve prosecutions; using the construction industry's crime prevention program as a resource to reduce theft; and designing an "Internet" system to allow law enforcement agencies access to BART's metal theft suspect database.

This "Web Page" program should be up and running by August, according to Sgt. Steve Langner. "This is the best idea to come out of this forum," he said. "We'll have current information on suspects, stolen property, and general information on metal theft, all on line to improve communications between law enforcement agencies."

ETF officers are also working with the Department of Transportation and U.S. Attorney's office to file some cases in federal court. This action could lead to longer sentences for those convicted.

In forming the task force with other law enforcement agencies, BART's ETF has developed a network to provide reliable intelligence on metal and construction equipment theft. ETF efforts have led other law enforcement agencies to dub the team, "the metal thief experts."

ETF has also set up a hotline to report information on metal and construction equipment theft at the BART extensions projects. Anyone with information on theft can call (510) 464-7083. **b**



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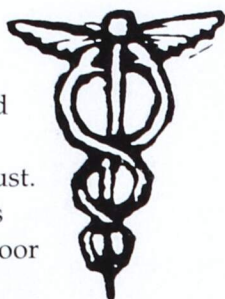
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BARTalk apologizes for the delay.

BART RODEO

CPR and First Aid Training Scheduled

BART employees interested in taking the American Red Cross CPR and standard First Aid training, may enroll in classes scheduled in July and August. Priority will be given to employees who are floor wardens, alternate floor wardens and shift supervisors.



CPR is renewed annually, while Standard First Aid certification is renewed every three years. To reserve a space in class, coordinate a time schedule with your supervisor. The supervisor must then contact Training and Development to schedule you for a class. Registration should be made by calling ext. 6295.

System Safety coordinates earthquake preparedness and fire safety. If you do not know the designated floor wardens for your area, please contact System Safety.

All classes are held in Room 171 at the MetroCenter. CPR and Standard First Aid classes are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 31	8:30 - 4:00
Thursday, August 8	8:30 - 4:00
Wednesday, August 14	8:30 - 4:00

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Develop Career Through Workshops



BART employees interested in career development may attend a workshop on Effective Writing which focuses on communication skills, including business correspondence and resume writing. Participants are encouraged to bring resumes and current writing assignments. The session is scheduled August 20 and August 27, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Oakland Training Center.

To register, please call extension 6293. All classes are a prerequisite for employees wishing to participate in BART's Shadow Program, which allows supervisors and foreworkers to spend a week in a job that matches their career goal. b3

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS...

BART employees help increase efficiency and save costs by presenting their ideas for improving BART to the Employee Suggestion Program. They are duly rewarded for their proposals. Here is a recent awardee and his idea:

Ronald Urbano, Maintenance Worker III, Maintenance & Engineering:

Saving energy was the purpose of Ronald Urbano's suggestion to change from having to leave the lights on in the Trainwash building to installing a photo cell or timed device to turn on the lights as employees entered buildings at the Richmond and Concord yards. Previously, the train operator had to exit the train and turn on the light at each junction and there was no one to turn them off. For his safety-oriented and "energy-wise" suggestion, Ronald received a \$76.80 award.

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Pia McAllister Named to Top 50 Female Athletes

Pia McAllister, daughter of Marilyn McAllister, has been named to the Top 50 Female Athletes by the Contra Costa Times.

A junior at Clayton Valley High School in Concord, the 16-year-old Pia excelled in basketball and track and field to be named to the list that published on May 5. As a point guard, Pia led her Eagles team to second place in the Mountain Bay Athletic League, including a win over College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, that school's only loss in the league's three year history. Pia's team eventually made the North Coast Section Division II semi-finals.

In track, Pia is the lead long-jumper in the area and a top-flight sprinter. She holds her school record in the 200.

Congratulations to Pia and her mom, Marilyn! b3



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In Memory...



The BART Police Department recently lost a cherished and respected member of its force. BART Police Officer Fred Crabtree died at his home on February 29. Officer Crabtree was a 19-year veteran Police Officer. During his career, Fred served as a canine officer, detective, and worked in the Special Problems Unit, Special Problems and Rescue, Field Training and as a tactical team officer. He had been recently elected as president of the BART Police Officers Association, and was an active member of BART's Joint Labor Management Committee.

Memorial services were held March 5 at St. Michael's Church in Livermore. Officer Crabtree leaves behind four sons. 

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